

THE CHEYENNE ROUNDUP



friendship force
CHEYENNE



November 2015

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Member Meeting — **November 9th.**

Christmas Party—**December 14th.**

Regional Conference — **May 13, 14 & 15, 2016**

Incoming Exchange —Peaks to Plains, **Sept. 9 - 12, 2016.**

Outgoing Exchange — Penticton-Okanagan, BC. (**TBD - 2016**).

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**Monthly Meeting
is a pot luck dinner
At Casey's Club**

507 West 28th Street

at 6 PM

**unless otherwise published.
Please use west parking lot.**



John's Jottings



Hello Friends,

I hope the rest of the club has enjoyed the year as much as I have. Friendship Force helped me make this a tolerable year after a horrible start of the year. Being able to travel to great locations and share the experiences with friends. Capping it off by having our new friends from Harrisburg let us share our great corner of the world. Next year is set up to be just as enjoyable with an exchange to Penticton-Okanagan. Judy Eatmon and Julie Bolin will be the ED's. Please help them when they call for help. Jan Behrens will also be requesting help for our joint global exchange as part of Peaks to Plains.

After two rewarding years as your president it is time to turn the helm over to someone else at the end of the year. In the rush to get to our great speakers last month I forgot to ask for a nominating committee, therefore we will just take nominations from the floor at the November meeting. I will not be in attendance but I trust the club will select great leaders for 2017.

In Friendship,

John

P.S. Requested Exchanges for 2017 are Northern Ireland, Costa Rica, Netherlands, and Belgium.

Christmas Party

Reservations and payment

need to be completed by December 1st!

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\$10 Door Prize for November

Starting over again.

Alice Perry won October's drawing for a Positively Cheyenne Certificate worth \$10.

Remember to pay your dues!

\$30 individual / \$50 family

Due by December 31st.

Membership form is on our website:

www.friendshipforcecheyenne.org/Membership.html

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 12, 2015

President, **John Kaiser** called the meeting to order after a warmed-up Welcome Dinner from our recent exchange with Harrisburg, PA. Guests: **Bob & Rogene Boyd, Judy Eatmon's** sister and guest, and our speakers, **Bill and Ila McIlvaine**.

Alice Perry won \$10 for being present.

John gave remarks concerning our club's International Travel Assignment. **Donna Logan** suggested Costa Rica be considered. **Tim Bolin** suggested we once again choose Ireland. The club will finish selections after John researches 2016 choices online.

Great Manchester, GB has given Kristen our club's name for a possible exchange in 2016. Discussion ensued and Cheyenne FF accepted. John will contact Atlanta.

Jan Behrens, ED, for the 2016 Plains TO Peaks International Exchange, Sept 9-12, addressed the club and passed a folder around.

Carolyn Webber reported on a CHS graduate who asked for a contribution to travel in Germany through Ashland University. **Ron Larson** suggested that the club contact **John Naylor**, who started the Existing Fund for travel to Germany. Rod will get in touch with Mr. Naylor.

Donna Logan announced that 2016 Club Dues are being accepted.

We were honored with the presentation by **Bill and Ila McIlvaine** who gave an hour long talk about their trip to Jordan in March of 2012 after a brief stop in London, England. **Larry McIlvaine**, their son, serves as Superintendent of the American Community School of Amman, Jordan. The school serves children aged 3-12, 50% American but with 40 different cultures. The talk was well documented with script along with photos that included a family graduation and tour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Interesting information included:

Jordan is 95% desert

“Driving at Will” in Jordan is a big challenge

English is spoken in all schools

Graduation at ACS took place in a Roman Amphitheater

The Dead Sea is 1,388 feet below sea level

40% of Jordan’s population is Bedouin

Castles abound throughout the country

20,000 people lived in Petra, the most popular tourist site in Jordan

Mensaf, a dish of lamb, spices, yogurt, and vegetables is the “national dish” of Jordan

The baptism site of Jesus is still used today and many churches are being built nearby

Asraq, a refugee center for those fleeing war zones, is now the 4th biggest city in Jordan with 81,000 residents

One billion people lack access to water throughout the world

American Community School students and teachers are collecting Crayons for Kids, C4K

Barbara Guilford

Birthdays

8th – Loretta Madrid 🌐 25th – Ingrid Larson

27th – Eleanor Hanson

Anniversaries

9th – Fosdick, Gaylord & Emma 🌐 18th – Ross & Alice Peery



Left to right, Bill McIlvain, Bob Boyd, Rogene Boyd, Ila McIlvain. The McIlvains happily greet old friends, the Boyds, at the October 12 meeting.



Welcoming our new CEO

It gives me great pleasure as Chairperson of the Friendship Force International board to announce the appointment of Jeremi Snook as FFI's sixth President and CEO, effective November 9, 2015.

Jeremi has a Master's degree in Business Administration and brings with him both the experience of working as a senior executive in the non-profit sector as well as the experience of starting a small business that quickly earned him and his partner the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies' award. He worked successively with United Way, with the Uptown Emergency Shelter and most recently as Chief Operating Officer with Spaulding Youth Center in Northfield, New Hampshire, a leading community-based provider of educational services for children with neurological or behavioral challenges. Jeremi's desire to relocate to Georgia played in FFI's favor and those on the Search Committee who have met him believe that he has the vision and management skills to lead FFI to the stability and sustainability we want for the organization. Most importantly, he has the values to embrace the mission that matters enormously to all of us.

Executives who have worked with Jeremi Snook have all described him as a caring, can-do person who connects well with people from all walks of life, someone who values diversity and works collaboratively to achieve consensus. "Friendship Force is much in alignment with who Jeremi is as a person", commented a former boss and CEO. Jeremi concurs: "I have loved all my previous jobs but the mission of this one resonates with my soul. I tell my friends and family that I will work for peace by bringing people from around the world together."

Cecile Latour

Treasurer's report is
provided on a quarterly basis.

FFI Changes effective January, 1, 2016

Hello Friendship Force Friends across the World:

Over the last year, your Board of Directors and CEO have taken several steps to communicate with you in order to seek your views on a wide range of issues aiming to revitalize Friendship Force and ensure its sustainability. Our commitment to our values and our mission has not changed, and it won't. At the same time, our sustainability means we must embrace new members.

This is your organization. We want you informed, we want you engaged, and we want you to own FFI with all its promise and challenges.

With your input in mind, we have revised and introduced a number of policies to bring more fairness, more clarity, more inclusiveness and more vitality to FFI. For your part, you have rewarded us with constructive feedback and encouraging support for the 'Two-Goal I'm In Campaign' launched at the Vancouver world conference and designed to raise funds for a very much needed new data base/website and you have agreed to help FFI by creating growth through global exchanges.

The attached document summarizes the policy changes that will come into effect on January 1, 2016. A fully revised and more detailed set of '2016 Club and Exchange Policies' is also attached for your reference.

As Chair of the Board, please join us in bidding farewell to our CEO, Joy DiBenedetto, who has kindly agreed to extend an extra week pending the arrival of her successor, Jeremi Snook, on November 9. On your behalf, warmest thanks to Joy for the enormous efforts she has made to bring renewal to FFI. She likes to say she is a disciple for life. May she find friendship and peace wherever she goes.

In closing, allow us to remind you that the months ahead will be exceptionally challenging for our office in Atlanta. There is the upcoming evaluation of the proposals for the new data base/website and subsequent installation of the new system in early 2016; on-going efforts to bring our financial challenges

under control; and the relocation of our office in December will all impose huge demands on the FFI staff and operations over and above the executive transition. The best support all of us can offer is to focus our energy on delivering the best possible exchange program and do all we can to support the 'Two-Goal I'm In Campaign'. At the end of all this, we will be stronger and we will have regained momentum.

In Friendship,

Cecile Latour & Joy DiBenedetto

The 2016 Club and Exchange Policies are available at:

**[www3.thefriendshipforce.org/
downloads/2016_Club_and_Exchange_Policies.pdf](http://www3.thefriendshipforce.org/downloads/2016_Club_and_Exchange_Policies.pdf)**

(Cut and Paste into your web browser)





Holiday Party

December 14th, 2015

6:00 Dinner

KC Hall

\$24.00

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Reservations and Payment:

December 1st.

SAVE THE DATE! "NEW DIRECTIONS"

2016 Rocky Mountain Regional Conference

Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, 2016

Grand Junction, Colorado